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WATER, SEWER RATES ADJUSTED IN TOWN OF HERNDON *Increase Goes Into Effect July 1*

Herndon, VA (June 17, 2009) – The rates for water and sewer services provided by the Town of Herndon's Department of Public Works (DPW) will increase on July 1, 2009, for all residential and commercial customers located within the town.

The new rates will be as follows: water - \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons; sewer -- \$3.72 per 1,000 gallons, and service charge - \$7.50 per quarter. This results in an average increased cost per customer of \$21.48 per quarter, or \$7.16 per month. There is no increase in peak water use rates.

According to Robert B. Boxer, director of Public Works, the rate increase is necessary due to increases in treatment costs as well as costs to properly maintain the system. The service charge, Boxer said, covers costs associated with meter reading, billing, meter repair/replacement and customer service calls.

All water and sewer customers will receive a "frequently asked questions" document in upcoming water bills that explains the increase and outlines ways to conserve water. The FAQ document is also posted on the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov, town services, water and sewer.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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